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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 3292 ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC  
CONAKRY KHARTOUM LAGOS USUN NEW YORK JULY 28.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3292

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SOMALI PLEASURE WITH OAU SEEMS UNWARRANTED

REF: A) KHARTOUM 3325 (NOTAL); B) KHARTOUM 3293 (NOTAL)  
C) MOGADISCIO 1675

SUMMARY: SOMALI ANALYSIS OF OAU SUMMIT OUTCOME ON ETHIOPIA/  
SOMALIA DISPUTE DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONFORM WITH REALITY OF  
SUMMIT DECISIONS CLEARLY FAVORING ETHIOPIAN POSITION. AL-  
THOUGH ETHIOPIA WAS TEMPORARILY CAUGHT OFF-BALANCE BY GUINEAN  
RESOLUTION, ITS DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO GAIN SUPPORT OF SUM-  
MIT ON FINAL RESOLUTION (REFTEL A). OAU DID NOT GIVE EITHER  
TACIT OR EXPLICIT RECOGNITION TO SOMALI-SUPPORTED LIBERA-  
TION MOVEMENTS (WSLF AND SALF). IT SEEMS SOMALIS CONTINUE  
TO INTERPRET OAU PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES FROM PERSPECTIVE  
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NOT SHARED BY MAJORITY OF OAU MEMBER STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LIGHT OF ACTUAL OAU SUMMIT DECISION ON ETHIOPIA/  
SOMALIA GOOD OFFICES RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTEL A), IT IS  
DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND CAUSES FOR SOMALI PLEASURE WITH  
OUTCOME OF OAU SUMMIT (REFTEL C). GUINEANS DID SUBMIT THREE-  
PART RESOLUTION TO GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE WHICH CALLED FOR

CESSATION OF WAR-LIKE HOSTILITIES, MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF 5  
KMS FROM BORDER AND CONTINUATION OF NIGERIAN MEDIATION  
EFFORTS, INCLUDING SUPERVISION OF WITHDRAWAL. ETHIOPIAN  
DELEGATION REJECTED GUINEAN RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT DID NOT  
INCLUDE OAU PRINCIPLES OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, RESPECT  
FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INVIOABILITY OF EXISTING FRONTIERS,  
AND IT AMOUNTED TO INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
NIGERIA PROPOSED FOURTH PART BE ADDED TO GUINEAN RESOLUTION  
TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE,  
WHICH THEN MADE RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ETHIOPIANS. HOW-  
EVER, SOMALIA OBJECTED TO NIGERIA'S AMENDMENT. SUMMIT AGREED  
BY CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT GOOD OFFICES RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTEL  
A). THEREFORE, IT APPEARS OVERSHELMING MAJORITY OF OAU  
SUPPORTED ETHIOPIAN POSITION IN FINAL ANALYSIS.

2. SOMALI-SUPPORTED WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF)  
AND SOMALI ABO LIBERATION FRONT (SALF) SENT ONE REPRESENT-  
ATIVE EACH TO KHARTOUM AS MEMBERS OF SOMALI DELEGATION  
TRAVELING ON SOMALI PASSPORTS. NEITHER PERSON WAS GRANTED  
ACCESS TO ANY OF OAU DELIBERATIONS, EITHER MINISTERIAL OR  
HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT. OAU HAS NOT GIVEN EITHER FRONT TACIT  
RECOGNITION AND THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO SYMPATHY FOR THEIR  
CAUSES AMONG OAU PARTICIPANTS.

3. OAU LEGAL COMMITTEE MAY HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF SOMALIA'S  
RESERVATION TO 1964 CAIRO DECLARATION ON TERRITORIAL IN-  
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TEGRITY, BUT AS SIGNATORY TO OAU CHARTER IN 1963 AND CON-  
TINUING MEMBER OF OAU, SOMALIA HAS GIVEN AT LEAST TACIT  
AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY CHARTER PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING OAU  
NON-ACCEPTANCE OF FORCIBLE BORDER CHANGES. PRESIDENT SIAD  
APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS BY STATING IN HIS SPEECH TO SUMMIT  
THAT SOMALIA HAS NO CLAIM ON TERRITORY OF ANY OF ITS NEIGH-  
BORS. OAU DECISION TO REAFFIRM ITS FOUNDING PRINCIPLES  
REGARDING BORDERS WOULD INDICATE THAT SOMALIA HAS NOT MADE  
ANY GAINS IN PRESSING ITS CASE. CHAPIN UNQUOTE VANCE

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